



## Exempt Action Proposed Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	State Board of Elections
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	1 VAC 20-70-20
<b>Regulation title</b>	Material omissions on absentee ballots
<b>Action title</b>	Provide standards to assist local election officials in determining whether absentee ballots may be counted.
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### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

This regulation details standards to assist local election officials in determining whether absentee ballots may be counted by distinguishing what omissions are always material and require that the ballot be treated as void or invalid from those that are not material.

### Family impact

*Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.*

Absentee voting eligibility may extend to family members. This regulation could affect whether ballots may be counted.

